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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN/AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISIT:
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REF: STATE 139307 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE ITINERARY/AGENDA FOR VISITING
TRADE DELEGATION BASED UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CON-
TACT ORGANIZATIONS IN EACH CITY TO BE VISITED:

A. NEW YORK, JUNE 11-14. HOTEL ROOSEVELT. CONTACT,
NIGERIAN/AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, G. GARBARINO (212)
828-8166. JUNE 11 FREE. JUNE 12 BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS.
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JUNE 13 A.M. NIGERIAN/AMERICAN CHAMBER SESSION PER STATE
131540. P.M. CONTINUATION OF INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS APPOINT-
MENTS. DEPART NEW YORK JUNE 14.

B. CHICAGO, JUNE 14-17. HOTEL CONRAD HILTON. CONTACT,
CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, ROBERT BEAN,
(312) 786-0111. JUNE 14 FREE. JUNE 15 A.M., ASSOCIATION

OF C & I WORKING SESSION WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY. P.M.
FOR BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS. EVENING, RECEPTION GIVEN BY
JOHNSON PUBLISHERS. JUNE 16 BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS.
REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE TO BE FILLED-IN BEFORE ARRIVAL OF
DELEGATION.

C. LOS ANGELES, JUNE 17-21. HOTEL LOS ANGELES HILTON.
CONTACT, FOREIGN TRADE ASSOCIATION (FTA) OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA, CARL SCANLON, (213) 628-1162 AND SSM CORP.,
MR. MATHEWS, (213) 933-5836. JUNE 17 MET UPON ARRIVAL
BY SSM TO BE FOLLOWED BY MEETING WITH MAYOR BRADLEY
(TENTATIVE). EVENING COCKTAIL AND BRIEFING BY SSM.
JUNE 18 P.M. RECEPTION AT CENTURY PLAZA HOTEL FOR DELE-
GATION AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY. JUNE 19 A.M. WORKING
SESSION AT FTA. P.M. BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS. SSM AND
FTA PRESENTLY WORKING ON APPROPRIATE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR
JUNE 19. JUNE 20 A.M. BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS. P.M.
VISIT TO DISNEYLAND ARRANGED BY SSM. JUNE 21 DEPARTURE.

D. HOUSTON, JUNE 21-25. HOTEL DOWNTOWN, RPT. DOWNTOWN
HOLIDAY INN. CONTACT, HOUSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, C.E.
BALDWIN, (713) 651-1313. JUNE 21 FREE. JUNE 22 WELCOME
AND BRIEFING AT WORLD TRADE CLUB FOLLOWED BY COMMERCIAL
SEMINAR. LUNCH INCLUDED. P.M. BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS.
EVENING RECEPTION (HOST TO BE PROVIDED). JUNE 23 A.M.
VISIT TO TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY (TSU) TO MEET WITH
500 NIGERIAN STUDENTS AND FACULTY. LUNCH BY TSU PRESI-
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DENT, G. SAWYER. P.M. BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS. EVENING
POSSIBLE RECEPTION. JUNE 24, A.M. TOUR OF HOUSTON
INCLUDING TRIP ON HOUSTON SHIP CANAL INCLUDING LUNCH.
P.M. VISIT AND TOUR JOHNSON SPACE FLIGHT CENTER. EVENING
COCKTAIL BUFFET BY MINORITY BUSINESS COMMUNITY. JUNE 25
DEPARTURE.

E. ATLANTA, JUNE 25-28. HOTEL ATLANTA HILTON. CONTACT,
ATLANTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, JAMES WILKINSON, (404) 521-
0845. JUNE 25 FREE. JUNE 26 A.M. WORKSHOP WITH ATLANTA
CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING LUNCH. BALANCE OF SCHEDULE
NOT YET PROVIDED BUT WILL INCLUDE BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS,
HOME HOSPITALITY, VISIT TO GRAVE OF DR. KING, TOUR OF
GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER (EXHIBITION CENTER), POSSI-
BLE MEETING WITH MAYOR OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL
SINCE ATLANTA AND LAGOS ARE SISTER CITIES, ETC. JUNE 28
DEPARTURE.

F. WASHINGTON, JUNE 28-30- HOTEL DUPONT PLAZA. CONTACT,
HELEN WEINLAND, NIGERIAN DESK OFFICER (202) 632-3468.
JUNE 28 FREE. JUNE 29 A.M. BUSINESS WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MANUFACTURES (CONTACT RON

LEWIS 202-785-5133). P.M. BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS. EVENING, RECEPTION BY NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR. JUNE 30 A.M. JOINT SESSION WITH OPIC, EXIM, AGRICULTURE CCC, AND USDOC AT U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT CHAMBER. P.M. FREE FOR SHOPPING, ETC. LATE AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR LONDON.

2. ESCORTS: IN ADDITION TO EMBOFF HERNDON, MARY INOUSSA OF USDOC/OPIOS, AND A.E. IGERE OF NIGERIAN EMBASSY WILL ACCOMPANY GROUP THROUGHOUT ENTIRE VISIT AS ESCORT OFFICERS. IN ADDITION, NICK HOLLIS OF RDP MAY JOIN GROUP FOR LOS ANGELES AND PERHAPS ATLANTA PORTIONS OF VISIT.

3. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS. AT NEARLY ALL STOPS, ESPECIALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AT CHAMBER SPONSORED WORKING SESSIONS, CHIEF OKUNBANJO AND HIS KEY REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE CALLED UPON TO SPEAK ON PURPOSE OF MISSION AND MOST PROBABLY ON SUBJECT OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NIGERIA. ESCORT HERNDON MAY ALSO BE CALLED UPON (THIS ESPECIALLY LIKELY IN LOS ANGELES AND HOUSTON). MEMBERS SHOULD BE PREPARED.

4. MISC. A. APPOINTMENTS WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS DISCUSSED IN EMBASSY MESSAGES TO DEPARTMENT BEING ARRANGED AS APPROPRIATE, INCLUDING CALL ON AMB. REINHARDT BY CHIEF OKUNBANJO. B. AF/W OFFICER KOTT WILL BE AWAY FROM NORMAL DUTIES FROM NOW UNTIL AFTER DEPARTURE OF TRADE DELEGATION. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE WITH AF/W AS DEPTOFF. WEINLAND WILL NOW ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINAL PLANNING FOR VISIT. C. LAGOS 6847 JUST RECEIVED. SWISSAIR NEW YORK CLAIMS IT STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM SWISSAIR LAGOS TO PAY HOTEL DEPOSITS. SOURCE OF CONFUSION MAY BE THAT SWISSAIR NEW YORK DID ONCE RECEIVE SUCH AUTHORIZATION BUT THEN RECEIVED FOLLOW-UP CABLE CANCELLING AUTHORIZATION. SWISSAIR NEW YORK SAYS IT HAS REPEATEDLY SENT CABLES TO LAGOS SEEKING SUCH AUTHORIZATION BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY. WE ARE GETTING SHORT OF TIME. SWISSAIR'S TOUR OPERATOR HERE CLAIMS THAT CUTOFF POINT MAY BE AS EARLY AS MONDAY THEREFORE URGE EMBASSY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRANGE FOR AUTHORIZATION FROM SWISSAIR LAGOS TO SWISSAIR NEW YORK BY TELEX BEFORE MONDAY. SOS.

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